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Title: **A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS FOR SHAPING A DOUGH PIECE**

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 18 pages, including 3 independent claims and 20 claims total.
2. Drawings - 6 sheets of formal drawings containing 14 figures.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to **Rheon Automatic Machinery Co., Ltd.**
5. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-293190, filed on September 26, 2000.

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Figure 1 consists of 12 line drawings of rat tails, arranged in a 3x4 grid. The drawings illustrate the progression of a tail lesion. The first row shows a normal tail (a) and a tail with a small lesion (b). The second row shows a tail with a larger lesion (c) and a tail with a large lesion (d). The third row shows a tail with a very large lesion (e) and a severely damaged, curled tail (f). The drawings are labeled with letters a through l.

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